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Reminder: Change Smoke Alarm Batteries and Clocks

The Springfield Fire Department is reminding residents to change the batteries on their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when they turn their clocks back this weekend.

Working smoke alarms cut in half the risk of dying in a home fire, yet Springfield Fire Department data shows less than half of Springfield homes have a working smoke alarm. Worn or missing batteries are the most common cause of a smoke alarm or carbon monoxide detector malfunction. Changing the batteries is one of the simplest, most effective ways to prevent tragic deaths and injuries.

In addition to changing the batteries, smoke alarms should be tested monthly and replaced at least every 10 years.

This weekend also serves as an ideal time for families to review their home evacuation plans. All family members should plan two ways to escape from each room and practice escape routes with the entire family at least twice a year.

For information on how you can receive a free smoke alarm, call the Springfield Fire Department at 864-1500.

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